

# ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: **13881**  
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

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| Project Name: Johnson's Pond Land Sale   |   |                                  |
| Street: 0 Lakeshore Road   |   |                                  |
| Municipality: Boxford  | Watershed: Merrimack                                |                                  |
| Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:   | Latitude: 42d 43m 55s N<br>Longitude: 71d 03m 32s W |                                  |
| Estimated commencement date: 9/1/2006  | Estimated completion date: 12/31/2006               |                                  |
| Approximate cost: \$1,200,000  | Status of project design: N/A                       | %complete                        |
| Proponent: City of Haverhill   |   |                                  |
| Street: 4 Summer Street  |   |                                  |
| Municipality: Haverhill  | State: MA   | Zip Code: 01830                  |
| Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained:<br>Robert E. Ward |   |                                  |
| Firm/Agency: City of Haverhill   | Street: 40 S. Porter St.                            |                                  |
| Municipality: Haverhill  | State: MA   | Zip Code: 01835                  |
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?  
 Yes  No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8))  Yes  No
  - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09)  Yes  No
  - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No
  - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres):

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?  
 Yes (Specify **\_DEP Transmittal # W095666, Local Con Com, City Council**)  
 No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:  
**Unanimous Conservation Commission Approval, 2/3 City Council Approval**

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Air          | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC            | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

| Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts                | Existing | Change | Total | State Permits & Approvals  |
|--|----------|--------|-------|--|
| <b>LAND</b>  |          |        |       | <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License<br><input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification<br><input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval<br><input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits<br><i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i><br>DEP - BRPWS26<br>2/3 Legislative Approval |
| Total site acreage   | 114      |        |       |  |
| New acres of land altered                                      |          | 0      |       |  |
| Acres of impervious area                                       | 0        | 0      | 0     |  |
| Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration     |          | 0      |       |  |
| Square feet of new other wetland alteration                    |          | 0      |       |  |
| Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways |          | 0      |       |  |
| <b>STRUCTURES</b>  |          |        |       |  |
| Gross square footage   | N/A      |        |       |  |
| Number of housing units  | N/A      |        |       |  |
| Maximum height (in feet)                                       | N/A      |        |       |  |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION</b>  |          |        |       |  |
| Vehicle trips per day  | N/A      |        |       |  |
| Parking spaces   | N/A      |        |       |  |
| <b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>  |          |        |       |  |
| Gallons/day (GPD) of water use                                 | N/A      |        |       |  |
| GPD water withdrawal   | N/A      |        |       |  |
| GPD wastewater generation/ treatment                           | N/A      |        |       |  |
| Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)                         | N/A      |        |       |  |

**CONSERVATION LAND:** Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

**RARE SPECIES:** Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify Included in 2005 NHESP Priority Habitat for State Protected Rare Species Area)  No

**HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

**AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN:** Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

The City of Haverhill (City) owns an 11.4-acre parcel of land along Lakeshore Road in the Town of Boxford (Town) bordering Johnson's Pond. The parcel is currently forest with some areas of wetlands. Approximately 1,390 feet of the easterly border of the parcel is along the pond shoreline.

The City purchased this land through its Board of Water Commissioners in 1903 to protect Johnson's Pond, which was an active public drinking water supply for the City. The City has not used Johnson's Pond for public drinking water since 1980. The City has no other use for this property other than drinking water supply protection.

The Town has approached the City and expressed an interest in purchasing this parcel of land for open space. Subsequently, the City seeks approval to release its interest in this parcel for watershed preservation purposes. Once approved the City wishes to sell this parcel to the Town.

The Town is planning to fund some portion of the purchase using open space/recreation funds from the Community Preservation Act. The Town has indicated that the use of the land will be consistent with the CPA statute and the appropriate open space and/or recreation deed restriction would be put in place.

The City does not plan to re-activate Johnson's Pond in the future for public drinking water. There is adequate supply to meet existing water supply demands without Johnson's Pond. To meet future demands, the City is evaluating the feasibility of the utilizing the Merrimack River. Prior preliminary studies have concluded the Merrimack River is more feasible than Johnson's Pond. The current study includes evaluating possible sites along the Merrimack River, and recently completed preliminary test borings and water quality samples.

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